

REMARKS

In response to the pending Office Action, Applicants respectfully request issuance of a substitute Office Action due to the fact that not all pending claims were addressed in the Office Action dated June 29, 2006, and as a result, Applicants are unable to determine how to respond to the pending rejection. More specifically, new claims 12 and 13 were added in the response filed on April 12, 2006, which was a non-final Office Action. As claims 12 and 13 were dependent claims, clearly there is no reason that the claims should not have been entered and considered. However, in the pending Office Action, neither claim 12 or 13 is rejected or indicated to be allowable, as there is no mention of either claim in the Office Action. Until the Applicants are aware of the status of claims 12 and 13, Applicants cannot determine how to proceed with the instant application. Thus, it is respectfully requested that a substitute Office Action be issued that addresses all of the claiming pending in the application.

With respect to the currently pending objections and rejections, Applicants intend to amend the claims to overcome the objection to the drawings and the claims, and to further clarify the intended subject matter of the present invention so as to distinguish over the cited prior art. However, as noted above, until the Applicants are aware of the status of claims 12 and 13, Applicants cannot determine exactly how the pending independent claims should be amended. As such, Applicants are unable to provide a more substantive response to the pending objections and rejections at this time.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is

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hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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